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Also an Elegant Line of CLOAKS, JACKETS, CLOTHING AND OVERCOATS, which will be sold far below value, as our stock is too large for this season, and must be reduced before January 1, 1891. Don't fail to See our Holiday Display before you buy.

T. J. MARTIN, Manager.

The Keytesville Mercantile Company.

Chariton Courier.

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To Our Delinquents.

Newspapers, like any other business, are supposed to be conducted on business principles. No business can be sustained without money, notwithstanding a great many of our delinquent subscribers seem to think that the almighty dollar is not necessary in successfully conducting a newspaper—at least their silence after repeated subscription statements have been sent them would indicate that our patrons, who are indebted to us on subscription, had reached that conclusion, however uncomplimentary such a conclusion may be to them and painful to us.

We should not be expected to leave our office and neglect our paper to make a personal canvass to collect our subscription dues.

We hope that all who are in arrears on subscription will see that their dues are paid in full by January 15th, 1891.

If you wish to do so, deduct, at our expense, the amount a postal note or post-office money order costs you from the amount of your subscription dues, and remit us the remainder.

You can easily ascertain the amount you owe by looking at the label, opposite your name, on your COPIER and figuring up for past dues and the current subscription year at the rate of \$1.50 a year. See that the amount is sent us by January 15th, 1891.

All subscribers, outside of the county, on whose papers we have postage to pay, who do not send their subscription arrears in by that time will be taken from our subscription list without further notice.

VANDIVER & COLLINS,
Pubs. Courier.

The Missouri legislature convenes Wednesday, January 7th.

SMITH M. WELLS is prominently mentioned in connection with the New York United States senatorship.

Born European and American miners are arranging to demand the eight-hour a day rule after May next.

THE subscribing of \$50 by the G. A. R. post at Chillicothe to the ex-Confederate home, near Higginsville, leads us to believe that the war is about over.

SENATOR SHERMAN will likely be the next Republican nominee for Governor of Ohio. Maj. McKinley has been a strong probability for the same nomination, but it is feared that his tariff tactics would defeat him, and he has been relegated to the rear.

TWELVE out of the thirteen original states gave a Democratic majority at the last election, and out of thirty east of the Mississippi river twenty six went Democratic.

A WHEEL trust has been formed, but carriage manufacturers say they cannot avail anything by fighting it. Since we are not in the carriage business wheel not worry about it.

JOHN ANTEWEILER, treasurer of Cole county, was found to be \$1,023 short in his accounts. The deficit was due to bad book-keeping and was promptly paid by Antweiler.

THERE are now confined in the Kansas penitentiaries, under sentence of death, forty-eight murderers. The quality of Prohibition whiskey in Kansas must be very bad indeed.

ROTHFORD B. HAYES, the man who stole the presidency from Samuel J. Tilden in 1876, is being mentioned in connection with the Republican nomination for governor of Ohio.

IN pursuance to a call of Chairman Rice, of Topeka, Kas., the People's party representatives will meet at Cincinnati, February 25, 1891, for the purpose of forming a national party.

TEXAS' official Democratic majority is 232,689, more than one third the popular majority by which the Democrats swept the country on the 4th of last month. Politically speaking, from a Democratic standpoint, the Lone Star state is "a whopper."

EX STATE TREASURER NOLAND'S trial has been postponed until January 6th, on account of the defence having no witnesses present. Noland's attorneys thought that the judge would quash the indictment and made no preparation for trial.

ONE of the most important duties of Missouri's coming legislature will be to redistrict the state under the new apportionment of congressional representatives. Under the new order this state will have fifteen congressmen instead of fourteen, as now.

THE Thirty-sixth assembly of Missouri should regulate the charges of express companies that are now, in many cases, outrageous extortion. The frequent inefficient service and inexcusable delays of telegraph companies in the delivery of private messages should also be looked into.

AT the annual meeting of the Missouri state grange a resolution was adopted appointing a committee to visit the state legislature to secure the separation of the agricultural and medical college from the state university and to secure the appointment of a separate board of curators for the same, to be selected from the farmers of the state.

THE grand jury, of course, failed to indict Attorney-General Miller for using an official frank in sending a private letter. The grand jury just simply failed to do its duty, that is all there is of it. It is a well known fact that the attorney-general of the United States, W. H. H. Miller, a former law partner of President Harrison, did use an official frank in sending a private letter. The laws of the government make this offense punishable by a fine of \$300 to use such an envelope for other than official business. And this is the kind of a man the grandson of his grandfather had about concluded to appoint to the supreme bench of the United States.

PROF. R. H. JESSE, of Tulane university, New Orleans, has been chosen as president of the Missouri state university by the board of curators. He comes well recommended, and doubtless the board of curators of the Missouri university have made a wise and commendable selection in choosing Prof. Jesse to the presidency of the institution.

IT now looks as though the force bill will not become a law, but it is only through fear of its results that it will not become a Republican enactment. The force bill means nothing less than a fatal blow to American liberties and a defeat of the will of the people at the ballot-box. This the free-born American would not submit to and the Republican party dare not pass the measure on that account.

IT is a significant fact that North-east states which gave a Republican majority of 410,000 in 1888, gave a Democratic majority of 200,000 in 1890. In the face of such a sweeping victory for the Democracy, and unprecedented political revolution in this country, the Republican party seems not at all inclined to revoke an iota of the class legislation which swept them beneath an avalanche of votes in the Northern states showing a Democratic gain of over 600,000 in the popular vote of 1890 over 1888. The fact that the Republican party still turn a deaf ear to the voice of the people for tariff reduction and the suppression of class legislation, goes to prove that radicalism cares nothing for the will of the people, but is owned soul and body by the manufacturers of the Northeast and Wall street plutocrats. The people need expect no relief from the Republican party, for it is a party "not built that way."

CHARITON HOUSE BURNED.
About 8:30 o'clock yesterday (Wednesday) morning No. 3, on the second floor of the Chariton house, was discovered to be on fire. The flames are supposed to have had their origin through a defective flue. The furniture and fixtures belonged to Mr. B. G. Willett, landlord of the hostelry. There was not a cent of insurance on the contents, but fortunately most of the things were saved. The building was owned by Mrs. Bettie Carlstead, nee Oldham, and was valued at \$1,500 with insurance in the Phoenix, of Hartford, for \$1,000.

THE Chariton house, or at least a part of it, was one of the old landmarks of Keytesville, and was occupied first as a residence by Wilson Redding, who, early in the fifties, built an addition to it which he used as a store room. Another addition was subsequently built and the property afterward was bought by the late John G. Oldham, who remodeled the building about fifteen years ago, and since that time it has been occupied by various landlords as a hotel.

THE property was deeded by Mrs. Oldham to his daughter, Bettie, who is now Mrs. Carlstead. Too much praise can not be accorded those of our citizens who worked so faithfully to prevent the spread of the fire.

MR. Willett and family have moved into the Chapman property, just across the street from the site of the Chariton house. For the next thirty days I will sell all millinery goods at actual cost. Bessie Smith.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Would you try a La Take cigar at S. M. White & Co's.

Ain't you tried a La Take cigar at S. M. White & Co's.

Brunswick's stove and box factory will shortly begin operations.

S. M. White & Co. lead on fine candy, cigars and tobaccos. 46-8

A woman may not be able to find her pocket, but she never has it filled with letters she has forgotten to mail.

The Mendon Citizen says that cards are out announcing the wedding of Mr. J. R. Hutcheson and Miss Mellicie Platt.

Frank and Misses Lizzie and Lucile Hill, who are attending school at Columbia, are at home for the holidays.

Hot water applied to a bruise will allay pain and prevent discoloration. Of course you must not use the water scalding hot.

Capt. Wm. Herryford, of near Forrest Green, went to St. Louis last Wednesday on business. He will be absent a week or ten days.

John H. Orrick is under sentence to be hung at Ironton Mo., Feb'y. 27th for the murder of John Ainsworth, alias Martin.

E. B. and Malinda Proctor have taken out letters of administration on the estate of the late Dr. J. W. Proctor, of Lagonda.

The new abstracting and real estate firm, composed of Jas. A. Egan and Jno. A. Lee, will be ready for business after January 1st.

Miss Nora Phillips, teacher at the Scribner school-house, gave a very entertaining exhibition with her pupils on Friday night of last week.

To those wishing to purchase diamonds of any kind, we would be glad to have you examine our display during the holidays.

W. C. GASTON & CO.

Mrs. Langtry—Freddy, where did you get that fine cigar? Freddy Gebhardt—Why, it is one of Klingbeil's La Take that S. M. White & Co. keep for sale.

The future lines of Mr. Duncan Preston and Miss Sarah M. Egan, both of near Hamden, were united on Tuesday of last week by Rev. James Hise.

I have an imported Clydesdale stallion, 6 years old, for sale or trade for good young stock. Call on or address, JAS. F. FREEMAN, Roanoke, Mo.

MR. A. Moore, the present popular and competent deputy in County Recorder Crawley's office, will be retained by Mr. B. H. Smith, county recorder elect, for several months at least.

GO to S. M. White & Co., one door east of the Keytesville Mercantile Co., and look at their line of fine candy before buying elsewhere. They knock the bottom out of Xmas candy. 46-8

Mrs. Page, relict of the late Sinclair Page, died on Friday morning of last week. Her remains were interred at Roanoke the following Sunday. Mr. Page died about four months ago at his home, near Shannondale.

Miss Emma Mann, who is teaching music in the Methodist college at Morrisville, Polk county, applied in Keytesville Monday night. She will remain during the holidays visiting at her mother's, Mrs. N. F. Mann's.

A Ray county farmer by the name of Penny was caught in the meshes of a lightning rod swindler one day last week.

Mrs. A. C. Vandiver, Miss Mamie Craig and Master Van Collins came up from Columbia Tuesday afternoon and will spend the holidays with the COURIER family.

A Hannibal citizen who was annoyed by the "town cows," strung a bare copper wire around his yard and attached it to the electric wire with a switch connection. Before going to bed he turned on the current. Next morning there were two dead cows on his flower beds.

Sheriff Matt Ayers and Dave Hancock, of Saline county, had a rough and tumble fight in the recorder's office at Marshall, on Tuesday of last week, over the appointment of a deputy sheriff. Hancock claimed that Ayers had promised to let him name a deputy, which Ayers denied and they came to blows.

Steve West was in the office with the two men—the door being locked—but could not part the combatants, and they continued to fight until the door was forced open by R. J. McMahon and W. L. Hancock. McMahon seized Ayers and West held Dave Hancock, when W. L. Hancock cut Ayers in the face and neck with his pocket knife, inflicting some ugly but not serious wounds.

John Gamble, a wealthy farmer, living one half mile north of Higginsville, Lafayette county, after having retired on Friday night of last week, was called to the door by loud raps by a stranger who inquired the way to a neighbor's living room. Mr. Gamble proceeded to give him directions when the stranger suddenly drew a revolver and fired three shots at Mr. Gamble, the first of which entered his right side and, it is thought, will prove fatal. No cause is assigned for the dastardly deed. As soon as possible Mr. Gamble got back into the house.

His cowardly assailant made his escape. The fellow is described as being a low, heavy set man, with a beard and wearing a slouch hat.

STAFFORD Meeson, a 15-year-old youth, who makes his home at J. T. Swain's, five miles northwest of Keytesville, received a painful wound in the left thigh from the accidental discharge of a pistol on the evening of the 14th inst. Meeson and Ed. Harris, the latter an employee of Mr. Swain's, had gone to their room, when Meeson showed Harris his revolver. As Harris handed the weapon back to Meeson it was discharged, the ball striking the hip bone, passing around it and down the fore part of the leg a foot or more. Dr. Garnett was called to dress the wound but failed to locate the bullet. Meeson is doing well as could be expected. This is the second time young Meeson has shot himself, and it strikes us that it is about time he was learning that firearms are dangerous to monkey with.

Colored society has been on tip-toe for some weeks over the approaching nuptials of H. C. Akers, a worthy colored young man, who lives one and a half miles northeast of Keytesville, and Miss Sallie Bruce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Bruce, of near Dalton. The consummation of the matrimonial engagement of Mr. Akers and his dusky lady love took place at the colored Baptist church in Dalton Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd, Rev. Dan'l Sawyers performing the marriage ceremony. The attendants were: James Bruce and Miss Hallie Akers and Jake Guthridge and Miss Hattie Bruce. The COURIER extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Akers and wishes them a happy and prosperous married life.

D. W. Morris, the gentlemanly representative of Jas. N. Boyd & Co., tobacco manufacturers, of Richmond, Va., was in Keytesville Monday, looking to his firm's interest in prospective purchase of burley tobacco at Dalton again this season. Through Thos. Jennings, of Brunswick, Boyd & Co. bought several thousand pounds of burley in Chariton county, which was handled at Dalton last year. Mr. Morris, up to Monday, had not yet matured his arrangements to purchase the weed in this county, of this year's growth, but likely will do so as soon as Mr. Jennings returns home from Springfield, Mo. We could get no points from Mr. Morris as to prices he would probably offer the tobacco growers for their crops. His purchase, we understand, will be exclusively confined to burley tobacco.

C. B. Crawley received a telegram from Jefferson City Monday morning stating that the Moxley case had been reversed and remanded. It will be remembered that the defendant, Marion Moxley, was indicted for murder in the first degree, at the April term, 1886, of the Chariton circuit court on a charge of having killed his wife, Mary Moxley, on the night of the 12th of October, 1885. Mrs. Moxley was buried, and two months later her remains were exhumed and an autopsy held by Coroner Philpot, this action being brought about by "talk" in the neighborhood to the effect that Moxley had killed his wife. Whether guilty or not guilty sufficient evidence was adduced at the post mortem examination to result in Moxley's arrest. He, in the mean time, had gone to Indian Territory and his arrest was accomplished by Sheriff Moore in a manner highly creditable to the officer. At the October term, 1887, Moxley was tried, found guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to the penitentiary for thirty-three years. A new trial was granted defendant on the grounds of erroneous instructions of the court on the part of defendant and a defective indictment. The case went to trial again in October, 1889, and resulted in another verdict of guilty and the sentencing of Moxley to the penitentiary for twenty-one years. The cause was appealed to the supreme court by defendant's attorneys, Moxley going to state's prison and serving on his sentence during the pending of his case in the higher court. His attorneys were: S. C. Major, of Fayette, and Crawley & Son and W. W. Rucker, of this city. The decision of the reversal and remanding of the case to the lower court for a new trial was handed down Monday morning by Judge Theo. Brace, of the supreme court. Thus, after a delay of nearly five years since Moxley was first indicted, his case is again where it started, in the Chariton circuit court. Sheriff O. B. Anderson and C. B. Crawley left for Jefferson City Tuesday morning, whether they went to get Moxley, but missed their man, who arrived here Tuesday evening in charge of S. D. Noland, marshal of the supreme court, and is now in jail.

The party who stole those two boxes of pocket-knives from my store, Tuesday, December 16th, had better return them and save trouble. Any of the knives that have been bought by innocent parties will be redeemed at prices paid for them. Every knife had my name on one blade.

A. F. SKEED,
Keytesville, Mo.

S. W. Dodge has resigned his position as local editor of the Vandalia Graphic and has accepted a position as foreman on the Leader.

Turlington Escapes Again.

John O. Turlington, the murderer of Sheriff Tom Cranmer, of Cooper county, made good his escape from the Booneville jail for the second time Saturday night about 12 o'clock.

Turlington was sentenced to be hung for his dastardly crime on the 11th of last September, but took an appeal and his case is now pending in the supreme court.

The defendant was first arrested for shooting at a brakeman on the 20th of last March, who had put him and a companion off of a freight train at Booneville. For this offense he received a jail sentence, largely through the sympathy Sheriff Cranmer felt for him, and escaped the penitentiary. Turlington had only a short time longer to serve, and in his efforts to escape from jail shot down Sheriff Cranmer in cold blood.

On last Saturday night, by sawing his body, Turlington crawled through a hole in the ceiling of his cell that he had sawed through heavy boiler iron nearly half an inch thick by using a case knife that he had converted into a saw by the use of a file. He then easily escaped to the roof of the jail through a trap door, and lowered himself to the ground by tying his bed clothes together. He then went out to the jail stable and secured a horse, saddle and bridle belonging to Sheriff Hornbeck and after riding, he says, about fifty miles found himself only about a mile from Booneville Sunday morning at daylight. He dismounted from his horse, tied the animal and sought refuge in a corn shock, where he was found and arrested Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock by two farmers.

An hour later Sheriff Hornbeck arrived and the notorious jail breaker and murderer was again placed behind the bars.

At the time of his arrest the knife-saw and a three cornered file that he had used in making his escape from jail were found on his person.

He said that he had been working on the hole through which he gained his liberty since Dec. 4th.

Turlington's first escape was made on the night of Nov. 1st. He was captured nearly two weeks later in Kentucky where he had gone to see his "best girl."

His crimes embrace petit thefts, train robbery, much other larceny and murder.

He is a "slick un," and is certainly too smooth for the sheriff of Cooper county and his deputies. County Treasurer Gillaspie, of Boone county, has been found \$20,200 short in his accounts. He used the county's money to pay his private debts. Gillaspie has turned his property over to his bondsmen of whom there are twenty. The property is valued at about \$18,000, and the actual loss to the treasury will not amount to more than \$100 each. It is stated that Gillaspie had made no false entries on his books, still he has used public moneys for his private use, and he should be handled as his perfidy deserves.

Rothville and Vicinity.

Christmas is here.

We are having lovely weather.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" was exhibited at Rothville Saturday night. It was quite a success.

Rev. Lee Harrold filled his regular appointment Saturday evening and Sunday, morning and evening.

The Christians are carrying on a protracted meeting at the West school-house, conducted by Rev. Eubanks.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. John R. Hutcheson and Miss Mellicie Platt. We wish them much joy and happiness.

We thank Dowd junior very much for the compliment he passed on the people in our vicinity. They are an excellent class of people.

Misses Emmet Lane and Frank Dexter, who have been attending school at Liberty, returned home Saturday to spend the holidays.

Rev. S. M. Brown, of Kansas City, delivered a grand lecture at Rothville last Friday night. His subject was "Tomfoolery." On Saturday night he preached a nourishing sermon.

YOU CAN'T GUESS WHO.

SALISBURY DEPARTMENT.
BY A. W. JOHNSON.

Mr. Johnson is authorized to receive and accept for Subscriptions, and any Advertisement handed to him will receive our prompt attention.

The infant child of J. W. Phelps died last week.

Our various churches are preparing for Christmas trees.

Jeff Phelps is the father of a sweet little girl baby and is happy.

Capt. Asa Prewett, of Roanoke, was over Monday on business.

The Wabash is putting in a new switch track west of the depot. The next thing should be a new depot.

Luther Logan, esq., has taken possession of his new residence on the North side and is now one of us.

In the case of Wayland vs Croff, before Justice Newbold Monday, a change of venue was taken to Wayland township.

The public school give an entertainment at the opera house to-night (Tuesday). The proceeds to be used in paying for an organ.

Judge Hammond came over last week and finished up his term of court here. The case of the city vs. Fisher was decided in favor of defendant.

On Tuesday morning while their mother was out of the room attending to her work the six-year-old son of Mory Robinson, a wood sawyer of this city, accidentally shot his baby sister, aged 18 months, with a target rifle, inflicting a painful wound in the shoulder, the ball ranging downward and coming out half way down the back. Dr. Welch dressed the wound and pronounced it serious but not necessarily dangerous.

A shooting scrape took place a few miles southeast of this place Saturday night, between Marion Ellington and Robert Harris, both colored. It seems that during Saturday Harris went to the home of Ellington and raised a row which resulted in Ellington's ordering him off the place. He left vowing he would kill Ellington if it was the last act of his life. Ellington came to town and took steps to have an information issued against Harris. He then went home and a short time after met Harris in the road but passed without speaking to him. Harris turned and followed him saying: "Is that you Marion?" This he repeated twice and said: "Hold on I will settle with you right now." He then started toward Ellington who drew his pistol and fired two shots. As he fired the second shot Harris ran and Ellington went home. Harris received a flesh wound in the side but is not seriously hurt. A warrant was sworn out for Ellington's arrest and he will have a preliminary examination as soon as Harris is able to attend.